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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPLY

Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated 09/28/2004 for one month from 12/08/2004 to 01/08/2005. Inasmuch as the date on which the attached amendment is being filed is the first business day after 01/08/2005 that is not a business day, it is believed that the attached amendment is to be regarded as being filed within the one-month extension period.

Please charge the deposit account of Ronald D. Slusky, Attorney, Deposit Account No. 502,186 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency of overpayment should be charged or credited to the above-identified deposit account.

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